

THE CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

Virginia's Colonial Capital

Community Profile

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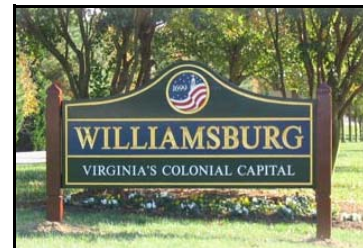


CITY VISION

Williamsburg will become an evermore safe, beautiful, livable city of historic and academic renown, served by a city government – cohesively led, financially strong, always improving – in full partnership with the people who live, work and visit here.

A DISTINCTIVE BEGINNING

In 1699, the General Assembly of Virginia established the City of Williamsburg as the colony's capital. The new city, formerly known as Middle Plantation, was named in honor of King William III and is home to the College of William and Mary established in 1693. In 1722, George I granted a charter incorporating the City of Williamsburg after the fashion of the English municipal borough. During the 1700s, Williamsburg developed into a bustling capital city and played a historic role in events leading to American independence. In 1780, the Capital moved to Richmond and Williamsburg reverted to a quiet college town and rural county seat.



In retrospect, Williamsburg's loss of capital city status was its salvation. Many 18th century buildings survived into the early 20th century when John D. Rockefeller Jr. launched a massive restoration effort creating "Colonial Williamsburg," operated by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The City of Williamsburg celebrated its 300th Anniversary in 1999.

A LIVING HISTORY

Colonial Williamsburg, located in the heart of the City, is the largest outdoor living museum in the United States, covering 301 acres and preserving more than 500 original and reconstructed buildings. Colonial Williamsburg recreates 18th century life, year round, and engages over 700,000 paid visitors annually in the story of America's beginning. Also in the center of the City is America's second oldest university – The College of William & Mary.

Jamestown and Yorktown, the other landmarks in the "Historic Triangle," interpret the first permanent English settlement on Jamestown Island and the Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown.



In March 2004, First Lady Laura Bush designated the City of Williamsburg as a Preserve America community in recognition of its continued preservation of cultural and natural heritage resources.



In 2007, the Historic Triangle area will commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown colony. For more information, visit www.americas400thanniversary.com.

LOCAL ECONOMY

As of April 2005, the total in-city civilian labor force was 4,685, of which 4,357 were employed and 328 were unemployed. The unemployment rate was estimated at 7.0%. The Williamsburg, James City County, and York County civilian labor force was 61,144, and the unemployment rate 3.1%. The City of Williamsburg's economy is largely supported by tourism, education, and health care. The majority of business establishments within the City either fall into the retail trade or accommodation / food services category.

Source: Virginia Electronic Labor Market Access (2005)

In 2003, the Virginia Tourism Corporation reported that the Greater Williamsburg Area was home to five of the top ten attractions most-visited by Virginia travelers, including the number one attraction, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

Due to Williamsburg's close proximity to major metropolitan areas within the Hampton Roads region, residents share a wide variety of occupational and career choices.

The Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce has 911 members.

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS

The City of Williamsburg participates in a number of local and regional economic development associations. The Williamsburg Economic Development Authority (EDA) is a citizen board appointed by the City Council to issue municipal bonds and to advise on economic development issues in the City. Other groups include:

- Crossroads Group, a broad-based coalition including the City, nearby counties, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, a variety of community groups and businesses, and the College of William & Mary.
- Virginia Economic Development Partnership.
- Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance.
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.
- Hampton Roads Partnership.
- Peninsula Council for Workforce Development.

WILLIAMSBURG AREA BANKS

Bank	Locations
Bank of America	2
Bank of Williamsburg	1
BB&T Bank	3
Chesapeake Bank	2
Chevy Chase Bank	1
Citizens and Farmers Bank	3
First Advantage Federal Credit Union	1
First Market Bank	1
Langley Federal Credit Union	1
Old Point National Bank	2
Peninsula Trust Bank	1
RBC Centura	1
SunTrust Bank	6
Towne Bank	2
Wachovia Bank	2

Source: Virginia Electronic Labor Market Access

TAXES

In Virginia, sales tax is collected at both the state and local level. Localities in Virginia receive 1% of the 5% statewide sales tax rate. The remaining 4% of the sales tax is retained at the state level.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. Non-manufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, sales, and utility taxes. They also may pay either a merchant's capital tax or a license tax.

The City of Williamsburg charges various fees for occupational licenses in addition to real estate and personal property taxes.

Source: Virginia Economic Development Partnership (2005)

State Taxes

Corporate Income	6%
Personal Income	2% - 5.75%
Retail Sales (1% of retail sales tax returned to City)	5%

Local Taxes

Real Estate Tax	\$0.54 / \$100 assessed value
Personal Property Tax	\$3.50 / \$100 NADA average loan value
Room & Meal Tax	5% of gross sales
Business Property Tax (30% of original cost)	\$3.50 / \$100
Machinery & Tools Tax (30% of original cost)	\$3.50 / \$100
Public Utilities Tax	\$0.50 / \$100 gross
Destination Marketing Surcharge	\$2.00 / room / night

MAJOR EMPLOYERS of the GREATER WILLIAMSBURG AREA

Employer	Location	Product or Service	Employees
Busch Gardens	James City County	Amusement park	5,000
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation	City of Williamsburg	Museums	3,500
College of William and Mary	City of Williamsburg	Higher education	2,849
York County Schools	York County	Education	1,650
Anheuser Busch Inc.	James City County	Malt beverages	1,480
Williamsburg-James City County Schools	City and County	Education	1,400
Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital	City of Williamsburg	Health Care Services	1,100
Eastern State Hospital	James City County	Health care services	1,088
Wal-Mart	James City County	Import warehousing & distribution	800
James City County Government	James City County	Local government	774
York County Government	York County	Local government	670
Energy Services Group International	James City County	Mechanical specialty contracting	600
Branscome Inc.	James City County	Construction	400
Williamsburg Pottery Factory	James City County	Pottery, ceramic, wood, plaster items	225
Owens Brockway Glass Container	James City County	Glass containers	210
AVID Medical	James City County	Disposable surgical supplies	200
Williamsburg City Government	City of Williamsburg	Local government	191
Ball Corporation	James City County	Aluminum beverage cans	150
Printpack Inc.	James City County	Plastic food containers	140
Williamsburg Regional Library	City of Williamsburg	Library	120
National Center for State Courts	City of Williamsburg	Non-commercial research	122

Source: Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (2005), Virginia Economic Development Partnership (2004)

OCCUPATIONS of the HAMPTON ROADS METROPOLITAN AREA

Occupational Category	Total Employment	Hourly Mean	Annual Mean	Mean RSE	Median Hourly
Management	26,720	\$37.44	\$77,880	0.8	\$34.34
Business and financial operations	30,860	\$25.29	\$52,610	1.6	\$23.10
Computer and mathematical	16,220	\$26.85	\$55,860	1.5	\$26.33
Architecture and engineering	20,220	\$27.65	\$57,510	3.1	\$26.58
Life, physical, and social science	5,240	\$25.85	\$53,770	2.8	\$23.76
Community and social services	8,810	\$17.33	\$36,040	2.8	\$16.31
Legal	4,920	\$41.48	\$86,280	20.5	\$24.29
Education, training, and library	45,720	\$19.53	\$40,610	4.1	\$18.78
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	7,440	\$19.49	\$40,550	2.2	\$17.13
Healthcare practitioners and technical	31,440	\$26.47	\$55,050	4.0	\$20.71
Healthcare support	15,340	\$9.87	\$20,530	1.5	\$9.52
Protective service	18,070	\$14.67	\$30,520	3.7	\$13.88
Food preparation and serving related	61,200	\$7.90	\$16,430	1.4	\$7.06
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	25,800	\$8.90	\$18,520	1.5	\$8.05
Personal care and service	16,330	\$9.14	\$19,000	2.2	\$7.77
Sales and related	80,370	\$12.99	\$27,030	2.1	\$9.05
Office and administrative support	119,510	\$12.70	\$26,410	0.9	\$11.49
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	480	\$11.87	\$24,680	7.1	\$10.06
Construction and extraction	41,230	\$15.38	\$31,990	1.6	\$14.76
Installation, maintenance, and repair	33,550	\$16.58	\$34,490	1.1	\$15.98
Production	43,090	\$14.45	\$30,060	3.7	\$13.24
Transportation and material moving	52,950	\$12.24	\$25,450	2.4	\$10.26
<i>All Occupations</i>	<i>705,520</i>	<i>\$16.24</i>	<i>\$33,790</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>\$12.79</i>

Source: November 2003 Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for the Norfolk - VA Beach - Newport News MSA (BLS)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

401 Lafayette Street • Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

The Council-Manager Plan:

The City of Williamsburg has operated under the Council-Manager plan since 1932. Under this plan, the governing body is composed of public-spirited citizens serving on a part-time basis to decide major policy issues. Council members serve four-year, staggered terms. The Mayor, who is elected by the City Council, presides over Council meetings and serves as the Chief Elected Official of the City. City Council meets the second Thursday of every month in the Stryker Building in the Municipal Complex.

City Council:

- Jeanne Zeidler, Mayor (term expires 2006)
- Clyde A. Haulman, Vice-Mayor (term expires 2008)
- Billy Scruggs (term expires 2006)
- Paul Freiling (term expires 2008)
- Mickey Chohany (term expires 2008)

Constitutional Officers:

- Judy Fuqua, Commissioner of the Revenue
- M. Ann Davis, Treasurer
- Robert Deeds, Sheriff
- Betsy Woolridge, Clerk of Circuit Court
- Michael McGinty, Commonwealth Attorney

City Manager's Office:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/manager • citymanager@williamsburgva.gov
Jackson C. Tuttle, City Manager (220-6100)
Jodi M. Miller, Assistant City Manager (220-6100)
Sheila Crist, Clerk of Council (220-6100)
Joseph Phillips, City Attorney (229-1910)

The City Manager, under this system, is comparable to the corporation's Chief Executive Officer. The City Manager is a professionally trained public administrator charged with implementing the policies and directives of City Council. The City Manager has broad administrative authority with strict rules prohibiting political interference in administrative matters. Likewise, the City Manager refrains from participating in partisan political activities, which would impair professional administration.

Strategic Goals and Planning:

Every two years, the City Council identifies strategic goals and objectives for City government. The *Biennial Goals and Initiatives* provide an expression of City priorities, as specific and measurable as possible, covering a two year period. The 2005/2006 Goals are online at www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/council/goals.pdf. The City's sixth Comprehensive Plan, which outlines the direction of the City's growth and goals for the next five years, was updated in 2005. As guided by the Plan, the City enforces land use and development standards. The 2005 Comprehensive Plan can be found at www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/planning/pdf/cpm.pdf.

STATE GOVERNMENT

The Commonwealth of Virginia is composed of 95 counties and 39 independent cities. Its bicameral legislative branch is known as the General Assembly. The executive branch is comprised of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, each of whom is elected for a four-year term in years following Presidential elections.

State Representatives:

Governor Mark R. Warner (804-786-2211)
Lieutenant Governor Timothy M. Kaine (804-786-2078)
Attorney General Judy Jagdmann (804-786-2071)
Delegate, 64th District, William K. Barlow (357-9720)
Senator, 3rd District, Thomas K. Norment, Jr. (259-7810)

State Parks:

Nearby state parks include Chippokes Plantation State Park and York River State Park. First Landing and False Cape State Parks are also within the Hampton Roads region.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Federal Representatives:

U.S. Senator George F. Allen (804-771-2221)
U.S. Senator John W. Warner (441-3079)
U.S. Congresswoman, 1st District,
Jo Ann Davis (874-6687)

Military Installations:

In 2004, over 100,000 active duty personnel were stationed at 12 bases in the Hampton Roads region, occupying over 40,000 acres. In 2003, approximately 12,625 individuals, including 851 officers, separated from the military in the region.

Source: Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance (2004)

Colonial National Historical Park:

This National Historical Park administers two of the most historically significant sites in North America, Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield. It also administers the Colonial Parkway, a 23 mile scenic roadway stretching from the York River at Yorktown to the James River at Jamestown.

EMERGENCY SERVICES



Police Department:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/wpd • police@williamsburgva.gov

James M. Yost, Chief (259-7201)

David Sloggie, Deputy Chief (259-7209)

The Williamsburg Police Department is staffed with 50 full-time employees. On July 12, 1987, the Williamsburg Police Department became the **49th Law Enforcement Agency in the United States to be awarded Accreditation.** The Police Department has received re-accreditation status three times, most recently in 2003. The Williamsburg Police Department helps interested neighbors form Neighborhood Watch groups and makes signs and window decals available to them. The *File of Life* and *Heads Up* programs help citizens advise emergency response personnel of important medical information. The Department also offers home security checks while residents are away and home security surveys.



Fire Department:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/wfd • fire@williamsburgva.gov

T. K. Weiler, Chief (220-6220)

Bert Geddy, Deputy Chief (220-6225)

The Williamsburg Fire Department is a combination career and volunteer department. The career staff consists of 35 members. Suppression personnel are assigned to three platoons of ten members per platoon. The department maintains a volunteer unit consisting of 25 members that serve the City, add financial support, and provide fire ground support. This unit has an officer structure that reports to the career Fire Chief. The Department has a hybrid automatic mutual aid agreement with the surrounding counties.

OTHER CITY SERVICES

Finance Department:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/finance • finance@williamsburgva.gov

Phil Serra, Director (220-6180)

The Finance Department handles tax collection, vehicle registration, and parking permits. Real estate tax bills are mailed in April and October. Personal property tax bills are mailed on October 1st. Vehicle registration decals are required yearly by February 15th, and are mailed to residents automatically if personal property taxes have been paid. Residential parking decals for resident-only parking areas may be purchased in August.

Planning Department:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/planning • planning@williamsburgva.gov

Reed Nester, Director (220-6130)

The Planning Department assists the Planning Commission and the City Council in the development of the Comprehensive Plan, and administers its implementation through enforcement of zoning ordinances, building inspections, and the property maintenance code. It also helps the Architectural Review Board enforce the Design Review Guidelines.

Public Works and Utilities Department:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/pubworks • publicworks@williamsburgva.gov

Dan Clayton, Director (220-6140)

The Public Works and Utilities Department maintains the Community Building, a multipurpose event space that is available for rent; the Transportation Center; city streets; sidewalks; traffic control devices; landscaped areas; storm drains; and Cedar Grove Cemetery. It also provides municipal water and sewer service (see page 8).

Parks and Recreation Department:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/rec • recreation@williamsburgva.gov

Paul Hudson, Director (259-3760)

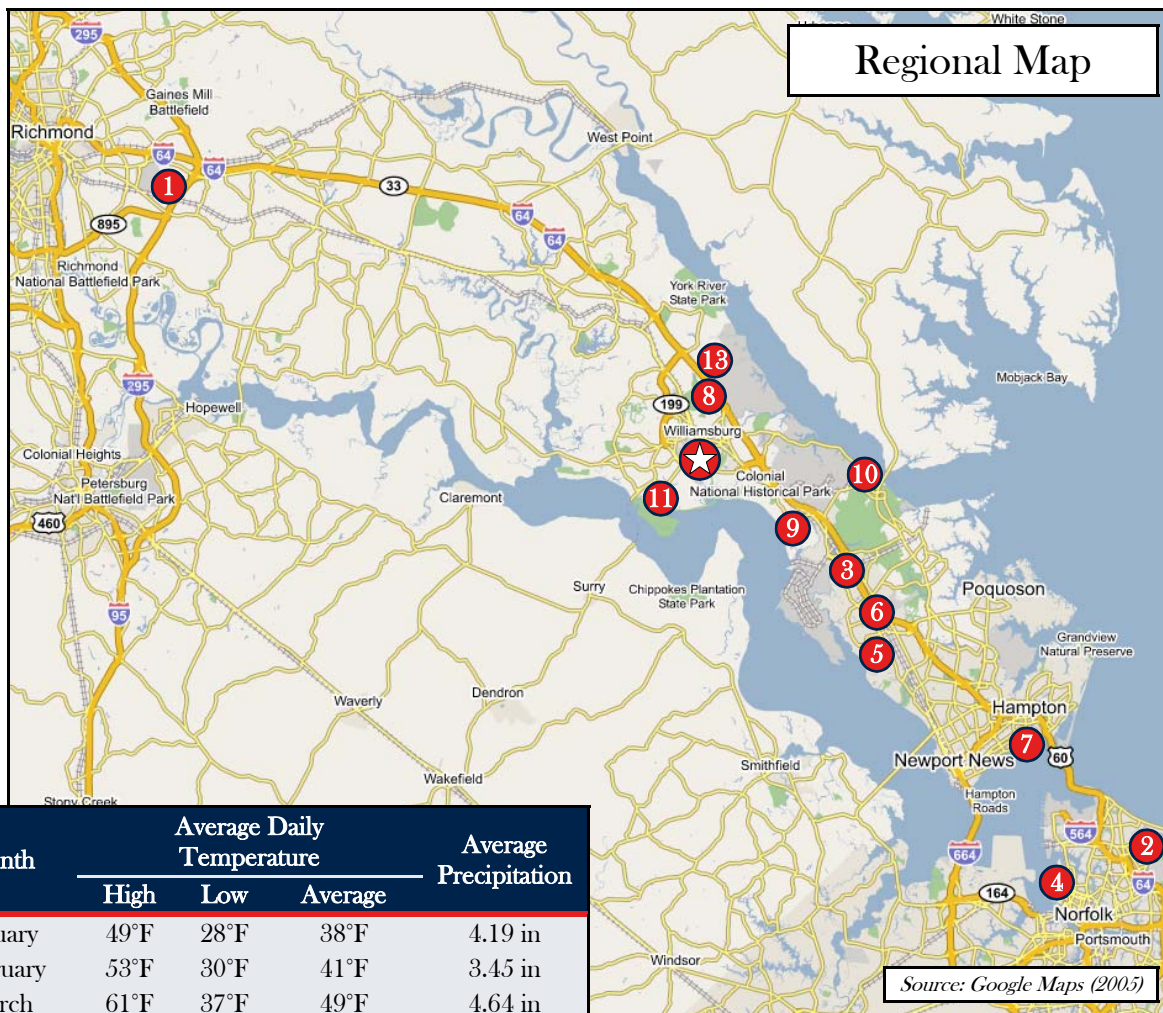
The Parks and Recreation Department operates the City's six parks and one recreation center. For more information, please see page 10.

Human Services Department:

www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/wdss • social@williamsburgva.gov

Peter Walentisch, Director (220-6161)

The Human Services Department administers a wide range of programs for our youth, families, elderly, and disabled citizens. Benefit programs include Medicaid, Food Stamps, Energy Assistance, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, and hospitalization. Service Programs include counseling, crisis intervention, day care, emergency assistance, employment, foster care, adoption, and services to the elderly. Community Programs include youth achievement programs, food distribution, home visitation, disaster assistance, and Citizen Corps.



Month	Average Daily Temperature			Average Precipitation
	High	Low	Average	
January	49°F	28°F	38°F	4.19 in
February	53°F	30°F	41°F	3.45 in
March	61°F	37°F	49°F	4.64 in
April	71°F	44°F	58°F	3.24 in
May	78°F	54°F	66°F	4.51 in
June	85°F	62°F	74°F	3.38 in
July	89°F	67°F	78°F	5.34 in
August	87°F	66°F	77°F	4.99 in
September	82°F	60°F	71°F	4.96 in
October	71°F	48°F	60°F	3.61 in
November	62°F	39°F	51°F	3.39 in
December	53°F	32°F	42°F	3.34 in

Source: Weather.com

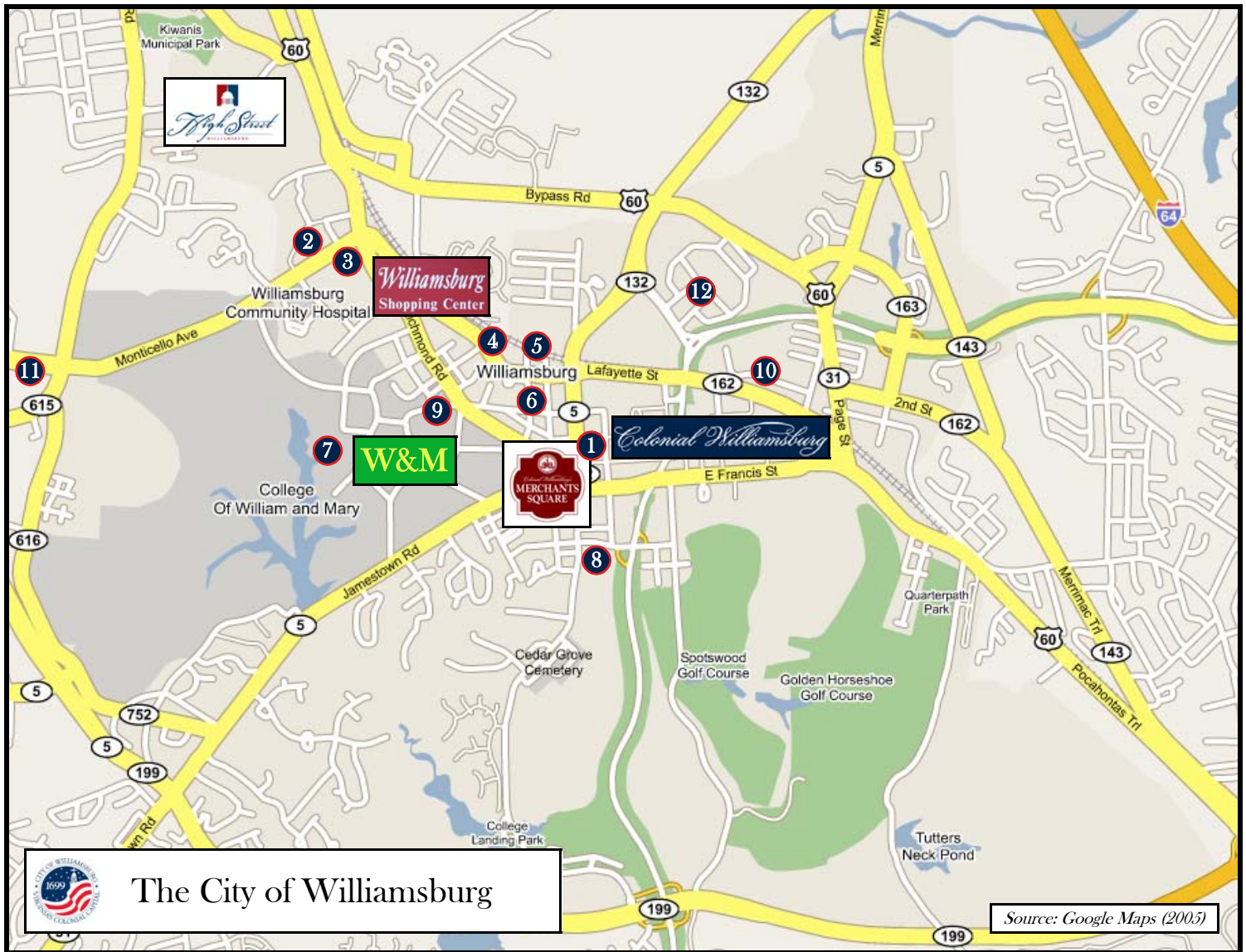
Major City	Distance (miles)	Travel Time (hours)
Atlanta, GA	575	10
Baltimore, MD	199	3.5
Boston, MA	602	10
Charlotte, NC	337	6
Chicago, IL	842	15
Dallas, TX	1327	24
Detroit, MI	668	11
Los Angeles, CA	2669	48
Miami, FL	991	16
New York, NY	386	6.5
St. Louis, MO	872	14.5
Washington, DC	153	2.75

- The City of Williamsburg
- 1 Richmond Airport
- 2 Norfolk Airport
- 3 Newport News—Williamsburg Airport
- 4 Old Dominion University
- 5 Christopher Newport University
- 6 Jefferson Lab
- 7 Hampton University
- 8 Waller Mill Park
- 9 Busch Gardens Williamsburg & Water Country USA
- 10 Yorktown
- 11 Jamestown Settlement & Historic Jamestowne

LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

The City of Williamsburg is located on the Virginia Peninsula in the southeast portion of the state, midway between Richmond and Norfolk on the I-64 / U.S. 60 corridor. The City is 9.2 square miles and located at 37° 15' North latitude, 76°37' West longitude, about 6 to 90 feet above sea level.

Richmond is located 45 miles to the northwest and Washington, D.C. is approximately 160 miles to the north. The Port of Hampton Roads is located 37 miles to the southeast.



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| ① Merchants Square | ⑤ Williamsburg Transportation Center | ⑧ National Center for State Courts / W&M Law School | ⑪ Williamsburg – James City County Courthouse |
| ② Monticello Shopping Center | ⑥ Williamsburg Regional Library | ⑨ W&M Zable Stadium | ⑫ Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center |
| ③ Williamsburg Shopping Center | ⑦ College of William & Mary | ⑩ Colonial Williamsburg Foundation | |
| ④ Municipal Building | | | |

As a Hampton Roads community, Williamsburg is one of fifteen Virginia jurisdictions located in the Norfolk - Virginia Beach - Newport News VA-NC Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). This MSA is the 31st most populous metropolitan market in the United States. The Virginia portion of this MSA saw 6,601 new jobs and \$759.96 million in investment during 2004.

Source: Virginia Economic Development Partnership (2004)

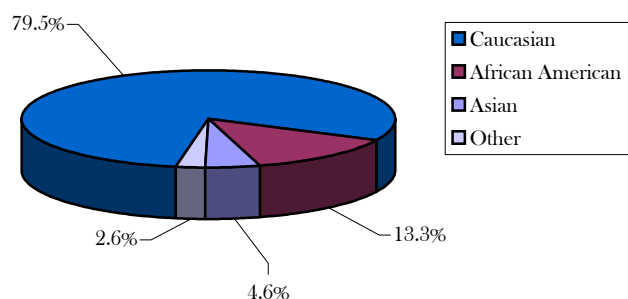
Interstate 64 and Route 199 are Williamsburg's major arterial roads. Other main thoroughfares include U.S. Highway 60 (Richmond Road / Bypass Road), State Route 5 (Jamestown Road / Merrimac Trail), and Route 132.

Nearby airports include Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport (1.5 miles away), Newport News-Williamsburg Airport (15 miles), Norfolk International Airport (43 miles), and Richmond International Airport (44 miles). Bus service, including the regional transit system, Williamsburg Area Transport, as well as passenger and freight rail service are available at the Williamsburg Transportation Center (please see page 10).

Additional geographical data, aerial photography, and City property information can be found on the web at www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/realestate.

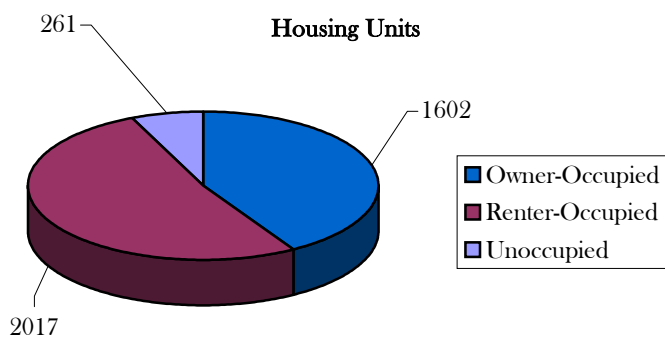
DEMOGRAPHICS

As surrounding localities have seen significant population growth, the City of Williamsburg's population has remained stable. Roughly half of the City's population is composed of students from the College of William and Mary. The Weldon-Cooper Center estimates the City's population to be 13,400 in 2004. According to the *2000 U.S. Census*, 79.5% of the City's population is Caucasian, 13.3% is African American, and 4.6% is Asian. The median age is 22.6 years, and the total number of households is 3,619. The population density is 1,404.1 people per square mile.



HOUSING

The City Codes Compliance Division issued permits for 109 newly constructed family dwelling units in the year 2004. There are approximately 23 Homeowner's Associations that serve many housing developments throughout the City.



According to the *2000 U.S. Census*, Williamsburg has a total of 3,880 housing units. Of the 3,619 occupied housing units, 1,602 are owner-occupied and 2,017 are renter-occupied. The average household size of owner-occupied units is 2.12 persons and the average size of renter-occupied units is 2.03 persons. The average family size within Williamsburg is 2.66.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2000)

UTILITIES

Electric:

Provided by Dominion Virginia Power (www.dom.com).

Natural Gas:

Provided by the Virginia Natural Gas Company (866-229-3578, www.vng.aglr.com).

Water:

The City has its own water source and treatment plant located at the Waller Mill Reservoir (220-6188).

Waste Water Treatment:

The City operates the sanitary sewer collection system for transmission and treatment by Hampton Roads Sanitation District (220-6188).

Residential Refuse Collection and Recycling:

Provided by the City through a contract with a waste collection company (220-6140).

COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone:

Verizon (954-6222, www.verizon.com) and Cavalier Telephone (814-442-4000, www.cavtel.com) offer residential and business telephone services and DSL. Cox Communications (224-1111, www.cox.com) offers digital telephone and high-speed internet services for residential and business use.

Newspapers:

The *Virginia Gazette* (www.vagazette.com) serves as the local Williamsburg paper and is issued bi-weekly. *The Daily Press* (www.dailypress.com) publishes a local daily newspaper for Williamsburg in addition to its expanded coverage of the Hampton Roads area. The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* (www.timesdispatch.com) is also available daily within the Williamsburg region.

Television:

Local broadcasting is offered by five area stations. Cox Communications also provides cable television services for the area. Government and educational information is broadcast on cable channels 46 through 48.

City Publications:

The City Council's *Quarterly Quill Newsletter*, the *New Resident's Guide*, and the *Neighborhood Guide* are all available at www.williamsburgva.gov.

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

Williamsburg – James City County Public Schools:

www.wjcc.k12.va.us

James City County and the City of Williamsburg jointly operate the public school system within the area. There are twelve schools within the Williamsburg – James City County school system that serve 9,402 students. There are seven elementary schools (4,170 students), three middle schools (2,245 students) and two high schools (2,987 students). The WJCC school system's operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year is \$90,649,197. Per-pupil expenditures for 2004-2005 were approximately \$8,828. The WJCC School Division was ranked among the top 17% nationwide by *Expansion Management Magazine*, winning their Gold Medal for the 2003-2004 school year. The dropout rate for 2003-2004 was approximately 1%. Of 2004 graduates, 84% plan to continue their education. There are two Governor's Schools located in the area that serve gifted and talented students. James River Elementary School is an International Baccalaureate candidate school implementing the IB Primary Years Programme.

Walsingham Academy:

www.walsingham.org

This Catholic-affiliated private school serves grades Pre-K through 12. The campus has both a lower school (grades PK-7) with an enrollment of 441 (229-2642), and an upper school (grades 8-12), with an enrollment of 290 (229-6026). The student-teacher ratio is around 10:1.

Williamsburg Christian Academy:

www.williamsburgchristian.org

This independent, interdenominational private school (grades PK-12) enrolls 311 students (64 in grades 9-12). The overall student-teacher ratio is 9.6:1. Williamsburg Christian Academy (220-1978) is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

Williamsburg Montessori:

www.williamsburgmontessori.org

This private school serves 124 students between the ages of 18 months and 5th grade. The student-teacher ratio is 10:1 (565-0977).

Providence Classical School:

www.pcsvirginia.com

This independent private Christian school has a current enrollment of 105 students from grades K-8 with plans to add a grade each year. The maximum student-teacher ratio is 18:1 (565-2900).

HIGHER EDUCATION

There are four colleges and universities offering four-year degree programs within the Hampton Roads region.

The College of William and Mary:

www.wm.edu

William & Mary is located in the City of Williamsburg with an enrollment of approximately 7,650 students and a student-faculty ratio of 12:1. The College is ranked 6th in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2004 Ranking of the top national public universities.

Christopher Newport University:

www.cnu.edu

CNU is located in Newport News, VA, roughly 20 miles away. Over 4,800 students are enrolled and the average class size is 25 students.

Hampton University:

www.hamptonu.edu

HU is located in Hampton, VA, about 24 miles away. HU serves approximately 5,700 students with a student-faculty ratio of 16:1.

Old Dominion University:

www.odu.edu

ODU is located in Norfolk, VA, roughly 42 miles away. Approximately 20,800 students are enrolled and the student-faculty ratio is 16:1.

There are two Community Colleges located within the Hampton Roads region. Each college is affiliated with the Virginia Community College System. These two-year institutions offer associate degrees, college transfer programs, and general study certificates.

Thomas Nelson:

www.tncc.cc.va.us

TNCC's main campus is located in Hampton, VA, approximately 22 miles away (825-2700). A satellite office is located in Williamsburg (253-4300). Throughout the school year, several courses are offered on the campus of The College of William and Mary and online. Thomas Nelson is planning to open a full, permanent campus in the Greater Williamsburg Area in 2007.

Paul D. Camp:

www.pc.cc.va.us

PDCCC has one campus located in Smithfield, VA, approximately 20 miles away (925-6340).



Playground at Kiwanis Park



Waller Mill Dog Park



Outdoor Pool at Quarterpath Recreation Center



Waller Mill Park

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Parks:

The City operates six parks. Bicentennial and College Landing are passive parks, and the remaining four parks offer a wide array of recreational activities, nature trails, and bike trails.

Bicentennial Park	2.66 acres
College Landing Park	2 acres
Highland Community Park	2 acres
Kiwanis Municipal Park	27 acres
Quarterpath Park	23 acres
Waller Mill Park and Reservoir	2,700 acres
Waller Mill Lake	343 acres

Quarterpath Recreation Center:

Quarterpath Park is the site of the Quarterpath Recreation Center and Pool. The outdoor pool is open during the summer months and swimming lessons are offered Monday through Friday in two-week sessions. The recreation center is open year-round and offers exercise classes, basketball courts, table tennis, and a variety of other activities. The James City / Williamsburg Community Center, operated by James City County, also offers a variety of fitness and recreation services and facilities to residents of the City for a membership fee.



Trellis in City Square

Outdoor Activities:

The area offers unsurpassed facilities for both fresh water and salt-water fishing. The City's Waller Mill Park has a 343-acre lake that is open for fishing, boating, pedal boating, kayaking, and canoeing with a tunnel connecting the upper and lower sections of the lake. The park also has a new 1.5 acre dog park and trails for hiking, running, and mountain biking. Both the James and York Rivers provide superb opportunities for inland fishing excursions. The Chesapeake Bay is also nearby. Other water-related activities in the area include sailing, windsurfing, and crabbing.



Waller Mill Reservoir



Quarterpath Recreation Center



Williamsburg Transportation Center



Williamsburg Community Building



Williamsburg Regional Library

Libraries:

The Williamsburg Regional Library (259-4040), jointly operated by the City of Williamsburg and James City County, houses approximately 150,000 volumes, and offers a theatre, an art gallery, and meeting rooms (www.wrl.org). Swem Library at The College of William and Mary (221-3050) and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation's John D. Rockefeller Library (565-8510) are also located in the City of Williamsburg.

Health Care:

Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital is a non-profit hospital that offers 139 beds and 24-hour

emergency treatment. This hospital has over 120 physicians and more than 42 specialties (259-6000). Sentara is currently building a new hospital for the Greater Williamsburg Area, which is expected to open in 2006. Riverside Health System has plans to build a new hospital in the City of Williamsburg in the Quarterpath at Williamsburg development. Doctors Hospital of Williamsburg is expected to open in 2009.

Places of Worship:

The Greater Williamsburg Area is home to a number of churches representing 27 denominations as well as a Jewish synagogue and an Islamic center.

Source: www.williamsburgfaith.org

Williamsburg Transportation Center:

Owned and operated by the City of Williamsburg, the Williamsburg Transportation Center connects local Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) bus service to national bus and rail services. Amtrak provides passenger rail service and CSX provides freight rail service. Greyhound and Trailways provide interstate bus service. WAT service is jointly operated by James City County, York County, The College of William and Mary, the City of Williamsburg, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Local routes and schedules are published online at www.williamsburgtransport.com.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

Culture:

In addition to historical sites, residents can also enjoy a multitude of cultural attractions. The DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center, This Century Art Gallery, Gallery on the Square, and the Muscarelle Museum of Art are all located in the City of Williamsburg. Nearby cultural attractions include the Mariner's Museum and the Virginia Living Museum in Newport News, the NASA Visitors' Center at Langley Research in Hampton, the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond. Hosted by the College of William & Mary, Festival Williamsburg is held annually as the three-day finale for the Virginia Arts Festival season. The Williamsburg Area Arts Commission maintains a calendar of events and performances year-round at www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/events/arts.htm. The College also sponsors plays, concerts, dance performances, and lecture series that are open to the public at William & Mary Hall and Phi Beta Kappa Hall. The Kimball Theatre, located in Merchants Square, presents cultural events and independent films. The City hosts an outdoor Farmers' Market in Merchants Square on Saturdays from May to October.



Williamsburg Farmers Market in Merchants Square

Theme Parks:

The Greater Williamsburg area is also home to two theme entertainment parks. Busch Gardens Williamsburg is an 17th century European theme park that offers more than 50 rides and attractions. Busch Gardens Williamsburg has been voted the world's "Most Beautiful Theme Park" for the fifteenth consecutive year and named the world's "Favorite Theme Park" in 2004. Water Country USA, a subsidiary of Busch Gardens, offers more than 35 water rides, slides, and shows.

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Sports:

Sports enthusiasts can enjoy an array of collegiate team sporting events at The College of William and Mary. Williamsburg is home to several nationally acclaimed golf courses with top design layouts. The Golden Horseshoe operates three courses just adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg. With eleven golf courses located in the Greater Williamsburg area, Williamsburg has become a premier golf destination. Nearby, the Cities of Richmond and Norfolk offer a variety of professional sporting events, including baseball, soccer, and stock car racing.



Corner Building at Merchants Square in Downtown Williamsburg

Retail Centers:

Merchants Square and surrounding businesses offer more than 50 unique shops, restaurants, and services. The Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area is home to stores, restaurants, and taverns that recreate the 18th century colonial environment. The City is also serviced by Williamsburg Shopping Center and Monticello Shopping Center. Two new mixed-use Retail/Residential developments are planned: High Street Williamsburg and Quarterpath at Williamsburg. According to the 2002 *Economic Census*, there are 146 Retail Trade, 88 Food Service, and 51 Traveler Accommodation establishments in the City.

An electronic version of this profile, complete with hyperlinks to additional resources and information, is available at www.williamsburgva.gov/dept/manager/EDEV/edev.htm

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